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We represent Velsicol Chemical Corporation. This is in response to your letter of September 19, 1984, which was received by Velsicol on September 24.

On September 25 I met with Walter Mugdan of Region II and provided an oral response to your letter.

Velsicol is on the verge of finalizing an agreement with NJDEP to cooperatively perform an RI/FS. You have been previously provided with both a copy of the draft agreement (Stipulation) as well as the Scope of Work for the RI/FS.

We expect to finalize the agreement within the next several months. In the meantime, Velsicol has already voluntarily devoted considerable manpower and dollars to the design of the study.

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Nothing herein shall be construed as an admission with respect to any legal or factual issue.

Very truly yours,

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